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Title: SURGICAL STAPLING INSTRUMENT HAVING MULTISTROKE FIRING WITH OPENING LOCKOUT	

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 24, 2008, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.